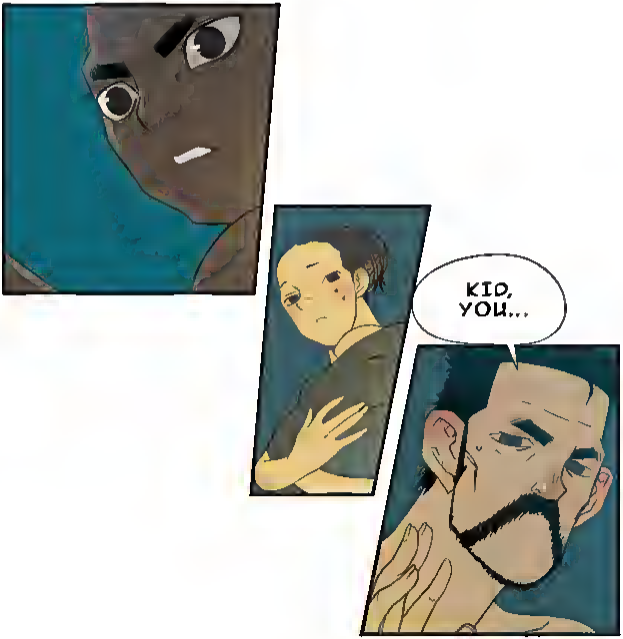
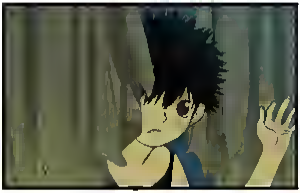
BUT
I HAVE ONE
CONDITION.

TAKE ME TO YOUR KING
AND KILL ME
IN FRONT OF HIM.


KID,
YOU...

IT'S ALRIGHT, MISTER.
OK, THEN. ONLY YOU COME OUTSIDE.
AND YOU GUYS, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT MOVING!



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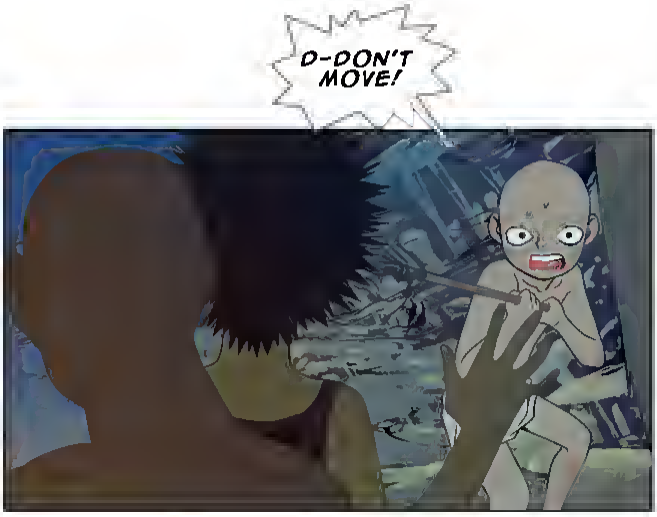
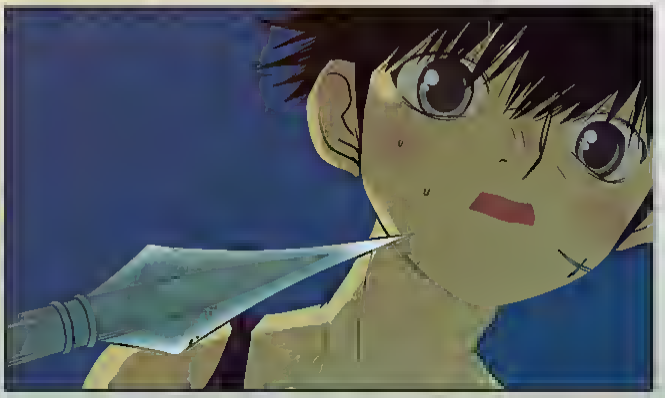

D-DON'T MOVE!

HEY,
YOU TWO ARE...

SHUT UP!
OR I'LL THRUST YOU
WITH MY SPEAR!



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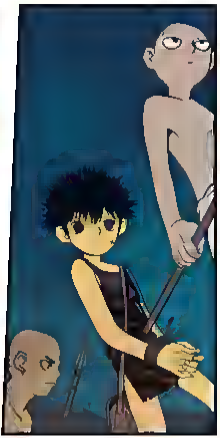
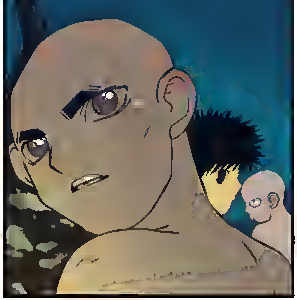
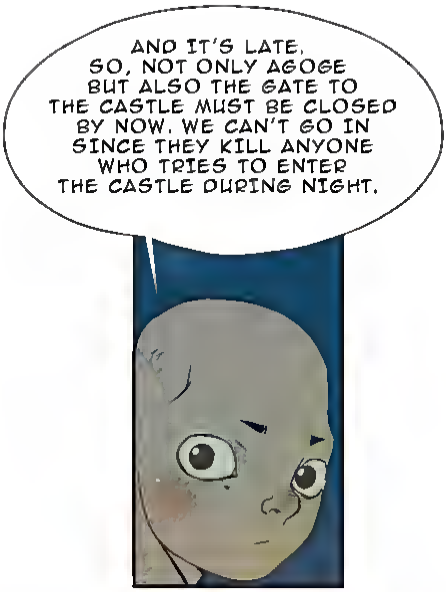
THE LION'S DEN (4)



LET'S GET SOME REST HERE AND GO BACK EARLY IN THE MORNING.

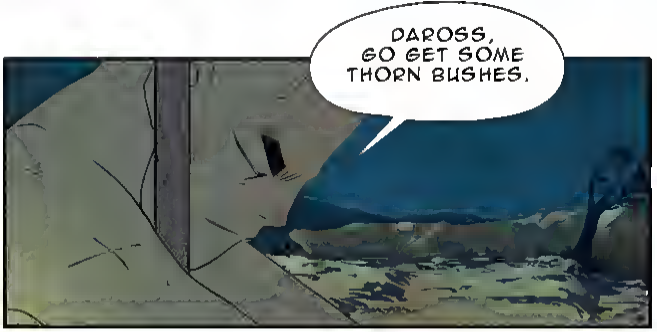


IS IT FAR FROM HERE...?
THAT VALLEY IS FULL OF WOLVES. SO, IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO THROUGH...


AND IT'S LATE.
SO, NOT ONLY AGOGE
BUT ALSO THE GATE TO
THE CASTLE MUST BE CLOSED
BY NOW. WE CAN'T GO IN
SINCE THEY KILL ANYONE
WHO TRIES TO ENTER
THE CASTLE DURING NIGHT.

* AGOGE: SPARTAN ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL

WHOOSH
ISN'T IT COLD? HOW ABOUT SETTING A FIRE...?
DO YOU WANT TO ATTRACT ALL THE ANIMALS ON THE MOUNTAIN?


DAROSS, GO GET SOME THORN BUSHES.

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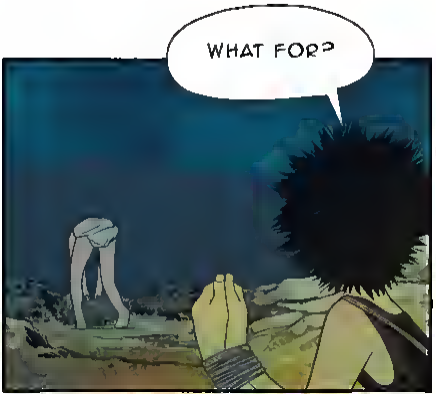
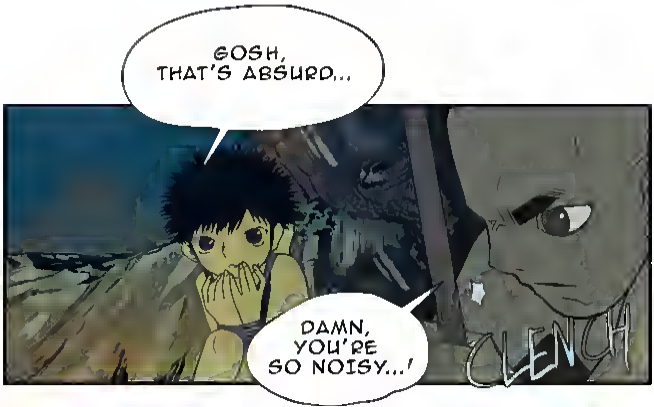

WHAT FOR?

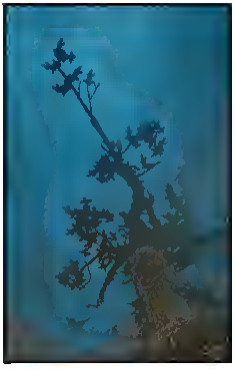
IF YOU HOLD THORN BUSHES WHEN YOU SLEEP, YOUR BODY WILL GET WARM PRICKED BY THEIR THORNS.
OUCH

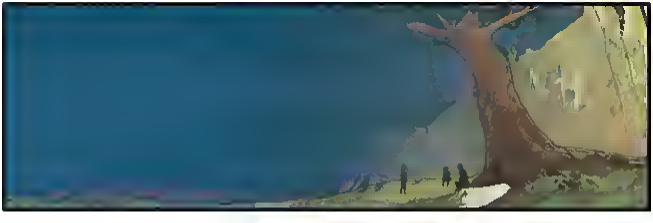

GOSH, THAT'S ABSURD...
DAMN, YOU'RE SO NOISY...!
CLENCH

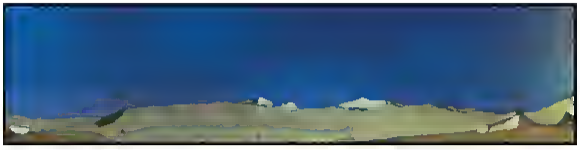
DO YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOU HERE?

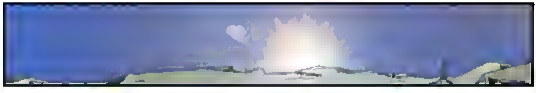
HAVE YOU... EVER KILLED ANYONE...?

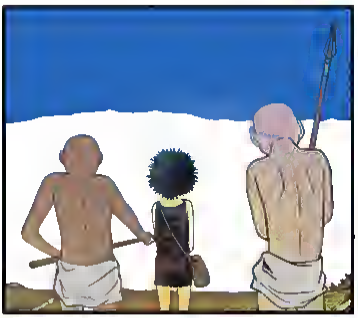
WHOOSH











BROTHER, I'M STARVING...

LOOK THROUGH MY BAG. THERE WILL BE SOME DRIED MEAT LEFT IN IT.

WE'RE WARRIORS, NOT THIEVES.

WE'LL TAKE YOUR BOOTY AFTER WE KILL YOU.

THEY SAY SPARTAN SOLDIERS ARE GOOD AT STEALING THINGS.
I PROMISE I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU INSULT US ONE MORE TIME!

WE'RE HERE!

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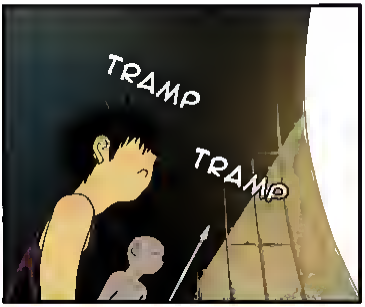
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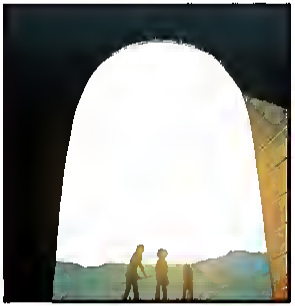
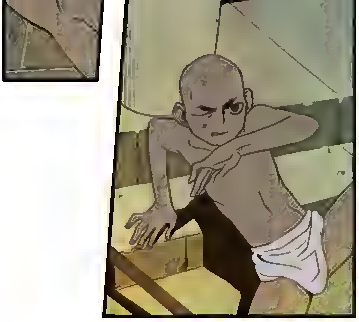


WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?

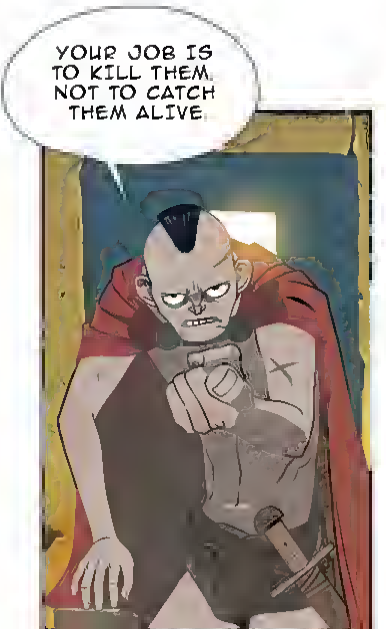
POW

THUMP
I'M SORRY, SIR...



WHAT'S THAT?
A HELOT?

YES, HE IS. WE CAPTURED AND BROUGHT HIM...


YOUR JOB IS TO KILL THEM, NOT TO CATCH THEM ALIVE.

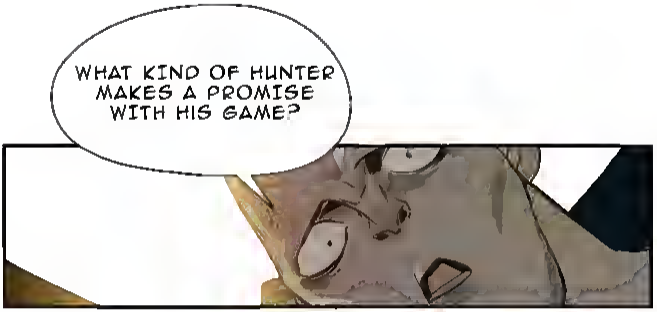
WELL, THAT'S...
TRAMP
TRAMP

I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE.

SSH

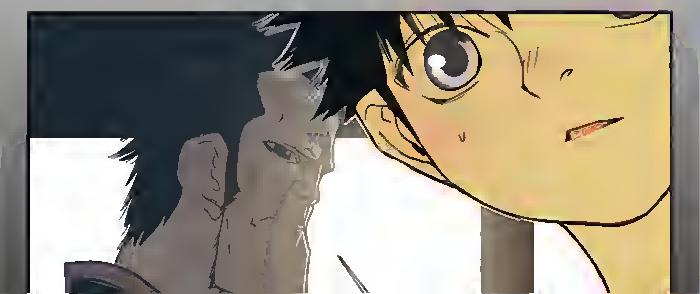
KILL HIM NOW.
CHING

WHY? ARE YOU SCARED?
NO, I'M NOT. BUT I PROMISED HIM TO KILL IN FRONT OF THE KING...
YOU PROMISED?

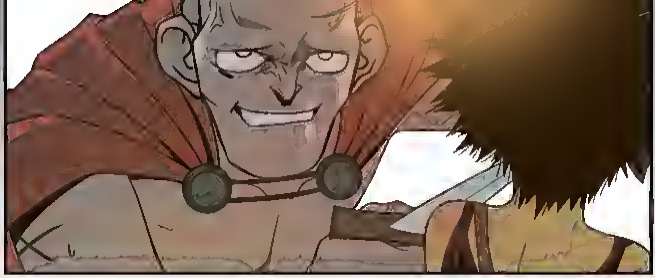

WHAT KIND OF HUNTER MAKES A PROMISE WITH HIS GAME?

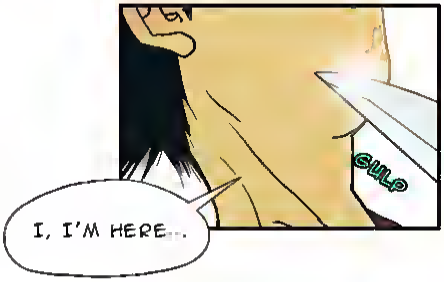
AH, I SEE! YOU DIDN'T CATCH HIM WITH YOUR STRENGTH...

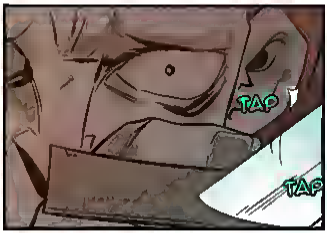
WHO ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU
HERE?



NEVER LET ANYONE KNOW ABOUT THIS.
GIVE THAT LETTER TO THE KING WITH BOTH EYES. OTHERWISE, YOU'LL GET KILLED AS OTHERS FIND ABOUT THIS.
TELL ME WHO ARE YOU? IF YOU DON'T TELL, I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE




GULP
I, I'M HERE...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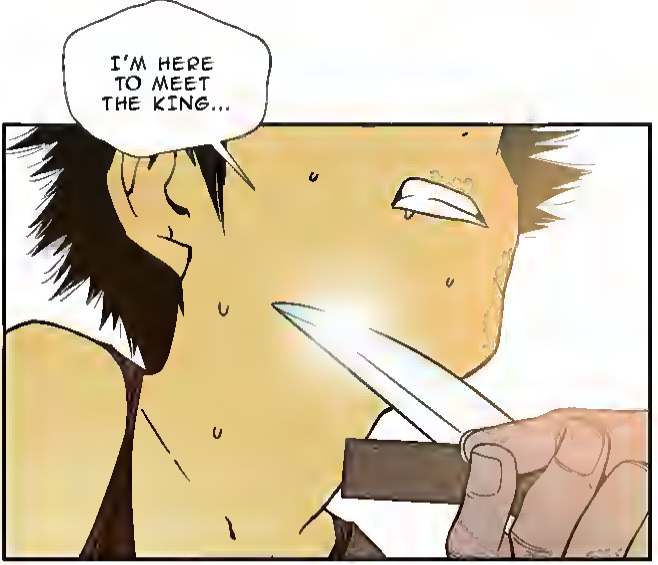
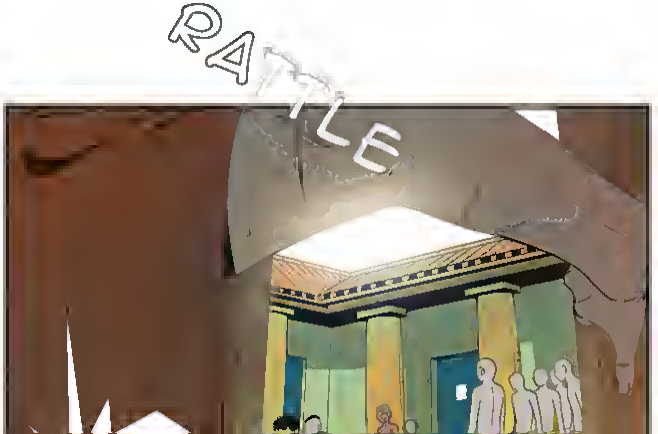
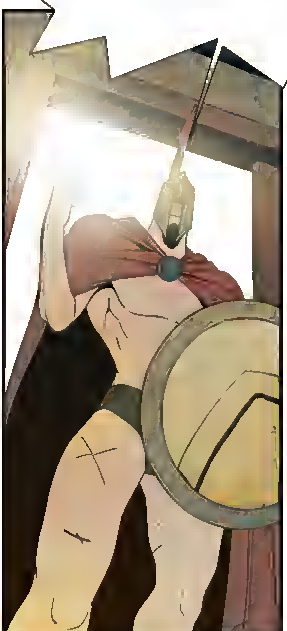
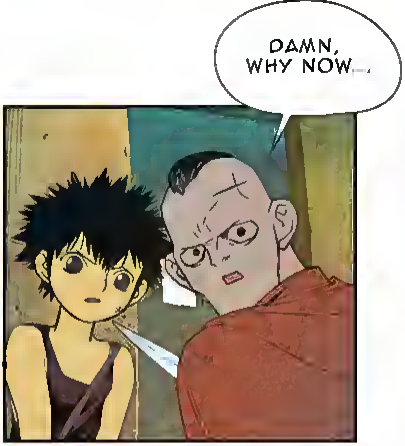

I'M HERE TO MEET THE KING...


RATTLE

SIR. DRAKON'S MESSENGER IS LEAVING!

THE GUARD UNIT AND ALL NEW RECRUITS, MUSTER! ESCORT HIM TO THE BORDER!




DAMN, WHY NOW...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN I GET BACK.
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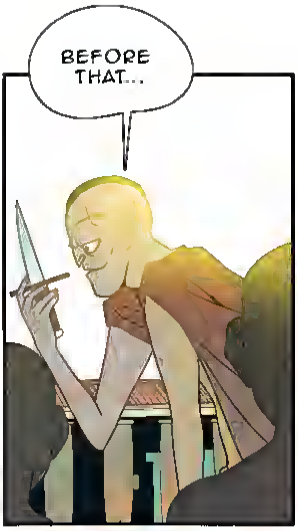
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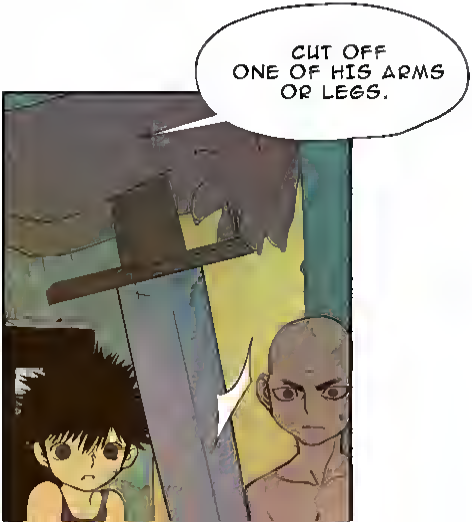
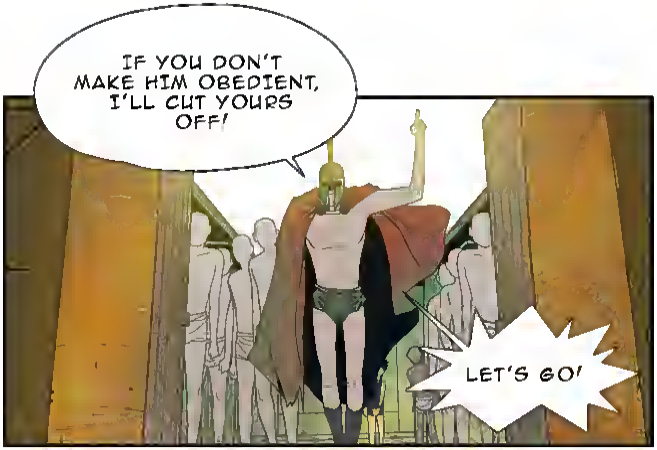
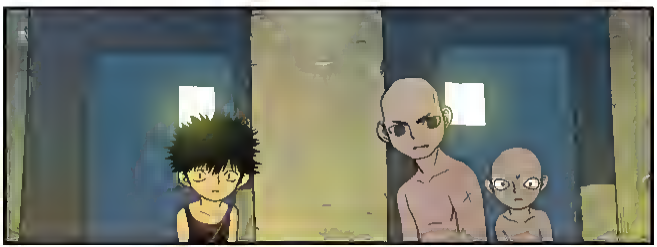

CUT OFF ONE OF HIS ARMS OR LEGS.

ZUNK
SO THAT HE ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS RIGHT AWAY.


IF YOU DON'T MAKE HIM OBEDIENT, I'LL CUT YOURS OFF!
LET'S GO!



WHAT... SHOULD WE DO?
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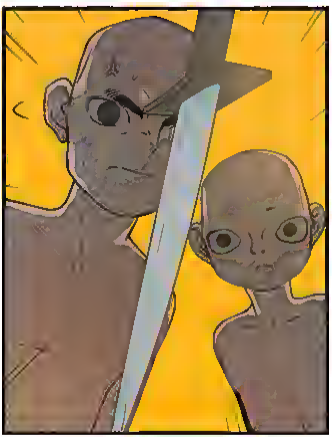

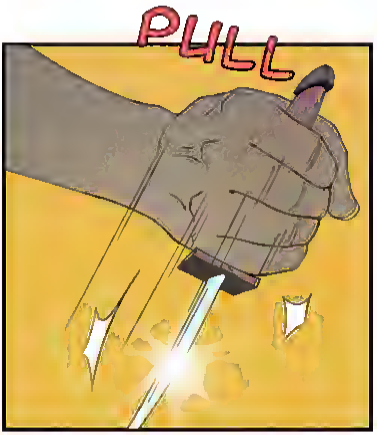
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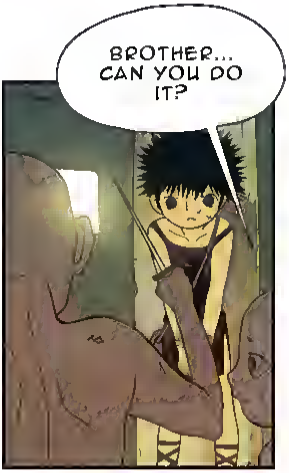
BROTHER... CAN YOU DO IT?

Y...YOU
ARE NOT...